submitted with the remarks of the Diwan Peishkar upon that report and that is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Have the Government received any petition from the public of the northern taluks to extend the activities of the Board to the northern taluks of the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): There were representations made in the Council itself. I do not think the Government have received any specific representation.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Have the Government any idea to extend these activities to the northern taluks?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): That will depend upon the decision of the Government upon that report.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): When will that decision be arrived at?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): As early as possible.

EVICTION AND MAINTENANCE SUITS.

283. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of eviction cases as between landlord and tenants in all the civil courts of the State;

(*b*) the number of maintenance cases in the civil courts of the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The information asked for cannot be supplied since the period to which it relates is not specified in the question.

MATTANCHERI-ERNAKULAM FERRY SERVICE—ASSUMPTION OF MANAGEMENT BY GOVERNMENT.

284. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal for the Government to take up the Mattancheri-Ernakulam Ferry service;

(*b*) what is the amount paid by the present ferry transport company to the Government annually?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No

(*b*) Rs. 20,000 per annum. The contractors also pay a sum of Rs. 15 to the Government per mensem for the use of the

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